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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory, DD/I

RE: Net Capabilities Estimate

I had a further talk with Admiral Radford on this subject, as reported orally to you, on Saturday morning, May 29. I reviewed our previous arguments and suggested a pragmatic approach, namely that we agree beforehand on an appropriate subcommittee of two persons. If agreeable to the JCS, I would name [] as my representative. This subcommittee could then proceed to obtain appropriate contributions from other departments and agencies concerned, as proposed in both of the projects prepared for submission to the NSC. The report of this subcommittee could then be considered by Admiral Radford and the DCI and submitted to the NSC with any comments we might have.

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Admiral Radford did not make any specific comments on this suggestion but indicated he had discussed the matter fully with Secretary Wilson and that Secretary Wilson was quite agreeable that the JCS should be substituted in the Defense JCS proposal for the Secretary of Defense. I did not comment upon this except to point out that I felt I had certain statutory duties subject to the NSC and that without the specific direction of the NSC I did not feel that I could consent to abandoning these duties.

Admiral Radford felt that the whole matter should now be considered in a meeting which he wanted to have with the full JCS. I said I would meet with them at any time, subject to the fact that next week I had to appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee in connection with budgetary matters, and had to be in New York late Wednesday afternoon and evening.

AWD:at

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